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The reply filed on 3/0/01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant failed to point out, by page and line number, where the priority document disclosed the particular elected sequences, as instructed. Without such information, the examiner is unable to determine if the sequences disclosed in the priority application are the exact sequences now under examination.

Further, Applicant failed to address the request for information regarding double patenting. Applicant was specifically instructed to provide information regarding other co-pending applications having one or more inventors in common with the instant application, or a common assignee, which claim and/or disclose the sequences under examination.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary K Zeman whose telephone number is (703) 305-7133. The examiner can be reached between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward, can be reached at (703) 308-4028.

The fax number for this Art Unit is (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to Patent Analyst Tina Plunkett whose telephone number is (703) 305-3524.

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